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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Gerhard HARTWICH  
Serial no. :  
For : METHOD FOR ELECTROCHEMICALLY  
DETECTING NUCLEIC ACID-OLIGOMER  
HYBRIDISATION EVENTS  
Docket : PATKRI P02AUS

**BOX PCT**

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

By way of preliminary amendment, please amend the above identified application as set forth below.

**In the Specification:**

Please cancel paragraphs 13, 15, 55, 72, 77, 80, 90 and 99 of the specification, in their entirety, in favor of a clean form of paragraphs 13, 15, 55, 72, 77, 80, 90 and 99 of the specification, without any markings thereon, as follows. Also accompanying this response is a copy of the original paragraphs of the specification which show the addition(s) (by underlining, shading and bold) and the deletion(s) (by strikeout) to the canceled specification paragraphs. Please enter the replacement specification paragraphs into the record of this case.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel original claims 1-55, as well as any Chapter II amended claims, in favor of new claims 56-110 as follows.